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Sent: Thursday, December 12, 2019 10:49 AM
To: Joe Randall
Cc: NATHAN BALLENTINE; Bill Malinowski; Brad Kirby; Chad Campbell; Ryder Thompson; Sarah Johnson; Skye Dunbar; T Anderson
Subject: RE: [External] Reference Docket No 2019-290-WS

Dear Mr. Randall:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your email regarding hearing procedures and comments related to Docket No. 2019-290-WS. Your email will be placed in the Protest File of the Docket listed below and on the Commission's Website at www.psc.sc.gov.

- Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates

A Protestant is an individual objecting on the ground of private or public interest to the approval of an Application, Petition, Motion or other matters which the Commission may have under consideration. A Protestant may offer sworn testimony but cannot cross-examine witnesses offered by other parties.

According to the Commission's Rules of Practice and Procedure, filing a Protest does not make you a Party of Record. A Protestant desiring to become an Intervenor (i.e., a Party of Record) in a proceeding before the Commission may file a Petition for Intervention within the time prescribed by the Commission.

You can follow this Docket and other daily filings made at the Commission by subscribing to the Commission's Email Subscriptions at this link: <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Email>; or you can follow the individual Docket at the link listed below:

Docket No. 2019-290-WS - Application of Blue Granite Water Company for Approval to Adjust Rate Schedules and Increase Rates <https://dms.psc.sc.gov/Web/Dockets/Detail/117247>

Also, I am forwarding your email to the Office of Regulatory Staff for response to your questions concerning a private attorney and the hearing procedures.

In March 2004 the General Assembly enacted legislation which created the Office of Regulatory Staff. As a result of that legislation, effective January of 2005 the Public Service Commission took on an exclusively quasi-judicial role. All resources for the investigation and resolution of consumer inquiries and complaints were assigned to the Office of Regulatory Staff.

Sincerely,

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Reference Docket No 2019-290-WS

Dear Public Service Commission:

I have several concerns I would like for you to address about the upcoming hearing.

1. It is my understanding that we are supposed to have a public attorney to represent us before your commission. If so, who is that attorney so that I may contact that person. If no attorney has been appointed, then how in good conscience can this matter be heard without our having legal representation, especially since Blue Granite has a big law firm representing them that is being paid for with our service fees.

2. I would also like to know how I may speak at the hearing and be a part of the official record regarding this ongoing assault against the consumers for rate increases. The Blue Granite letter I received was vague. It says I must present such comments in person to you at the hearing. It did not say in what form or manner those comments had to be presented. In another area of the letter it has instructions for All Parties of Record, which for me as an ordinary citizen is over burdensome.

You are supposed to be representing the citizens of South Carolina and I hope you will insure that our concerns are heard. The rate increase is ridiculous. My daughter is low middle income served by Blue Granite in the Gaston area. She cannot afford this increase. Why are existing customers having to pay the impact fees?

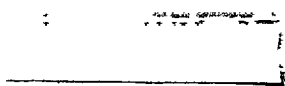
If Blue Granite cannot provide service at a reasonable fee, then we need a new technical solution. I suggest that with sewer, we go back to septic tanks, where we can have competitive companies bid to come pump our sewage out by truck.

Blue Granite is going to do nothing but ask for rate increases at every opportunity.

I look forward to your response.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. Randall



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